

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Pursuant to the enclosed separate Letter to the Examiner Requesting Approval of Drawing Changes, entry of FIG. 17 is respectfully requested.

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, the specification has been amended to reference FIG. 17, which was required by the Examiner's objection to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a). FIG. 17 has been amended to more clearly demonstrate the use of the write protection information in BP2 as set forth in paragraph 0072 of the instant application as filed.

No new matter is being presented, and approval and entry of the foregoing amendments are respectfully requested.

OBJECTION TO THE DRAWINGS:

On the Continuation Sheet, the Examiner objects to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a) for not showing "write protection information to control unwanted writing or erasing of the entire medium, except for the PCA and RMA, with the write protection information being provided in at least one area of the RMA area" as recited in claim 9 and the features in regards to the (BP)2 as set forth in claim 11. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the objections as set forth below.

As an initial matter, in the Office Action, the Examiner sets forth specific features asserted not to be shown, but does not explain how the existing drawings, such as FIGs. 6A-7 and 10-15, do not set forth sufficient structure in light of the understanding of one of ordinary skill in the art as to meet the drawing requirements of 37 CFR 1.83. As such, it is unclear as to how FIGs. 10-15 as filed are incomplete in not showing the recited features as can be illustrated so as to not be compliant with 37 CFR 1.83 and MPEP 608.02(d).

Moreover, it is noted that at least FIG. 10 illustrates an information storage medium having an R-information area including a PCA and an RMA. As noted in paragraph 0063, the PCA is used for power calibration, and the RMA area is for general information in regards to recording data with respect to the information area. As noted in paragraph 0066, the RMA includes an RMD field as shown in FIG. 13, with the RMD field including a field 0. In the embodiment shown in FIG. 15, the field 0 of the RMD field includes a write protection flag at BP 3. In addition, FIG. 14 shows another form of the field 0 of the RMD field and includes a BP disc status field at BP 2. Use of the write protection is set forth in Figs 6A through 7 and 10-15 in combination with the disclosure in at least paragraphs 0068-0070 and 0058. As such, it is respectfully submitted that the drawings support claim 9 for the purposes of 37 CFR 1.83.

Further, as set forth in paragraph 0072, the disc status field at BP 2 can also be used to provide the write protection information shown in FIG. 14 at BP 3, which is sufficient, for the purposes of 37 CFR 1.83, to show an example of the invention as set forth in claim 11. Specifically, in light of paragraphs 68 through 72, one of ordinary skill in the art would understand that the (BP2) Disc status would be altered to indicate at least write protection information, and

optionally indicating other disc status information using the available 8 bits of the 1 byte (BP2) Disc status field.

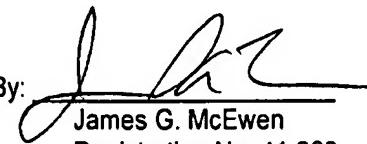
However, in order to more clearly set forth this feature, new FIG. 17 is enclosed which includes the write protection information at BP 2 sufficient to show an example of the invention as set forth in claim 11.

In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the objection to the drawings.

If there are any additional fees associated with the filing of this Response, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 503333.

Respectfully submitted,

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